

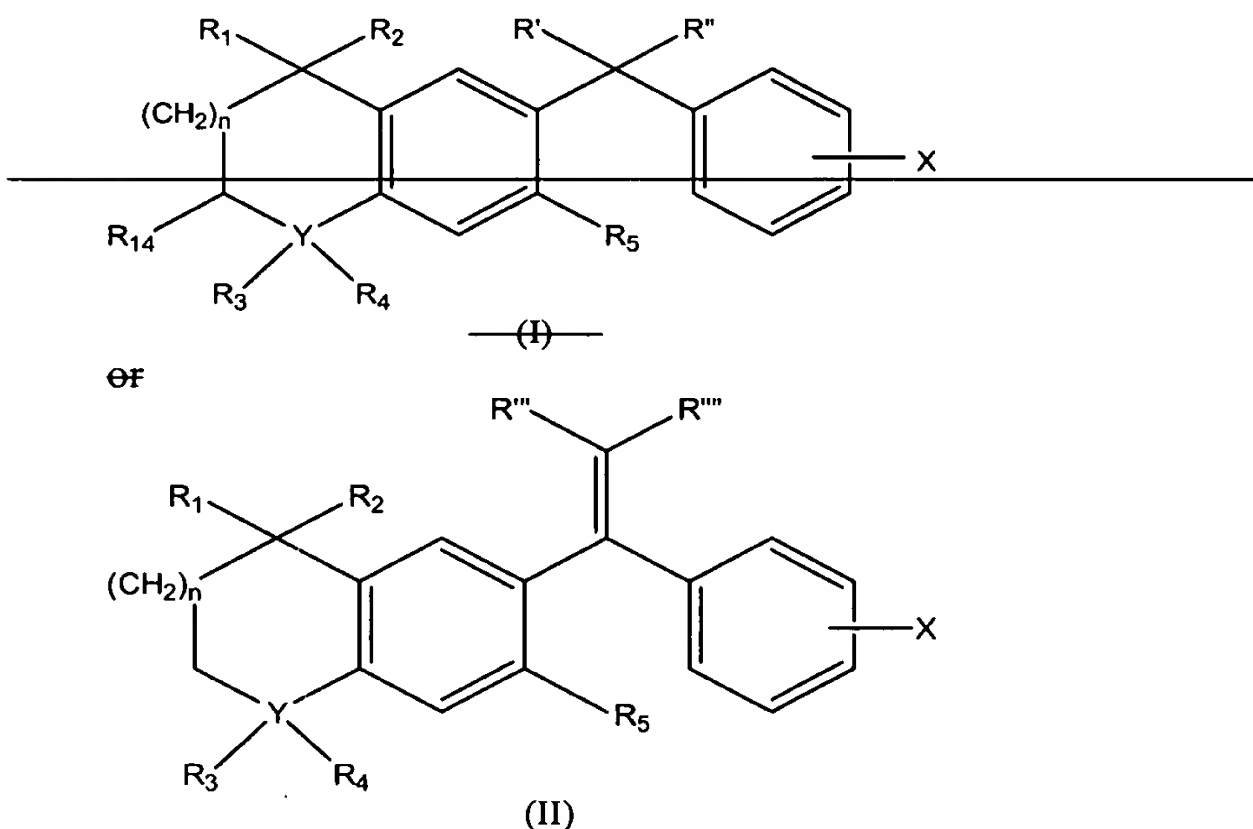
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 74, 75 and 82 are pending. Claim 83 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 74 and 75 are amended as indicated below. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-73 (Cancelled).

74. (Currently amended) A compound represented by formula I or II:



wherein:

R₁ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms;

R₂ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms;

Y is C;

R₃ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms, and R₄ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms;

R₅ is OR₇, wherein R₇ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl having 1-6 carbon atoms;

~~R₁₄ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms;~~

~~R' is hydrogen and R'' is hydrogen, or R' and R'' together form an exo (keto) or a methano;~~

R''' is hydrogen;

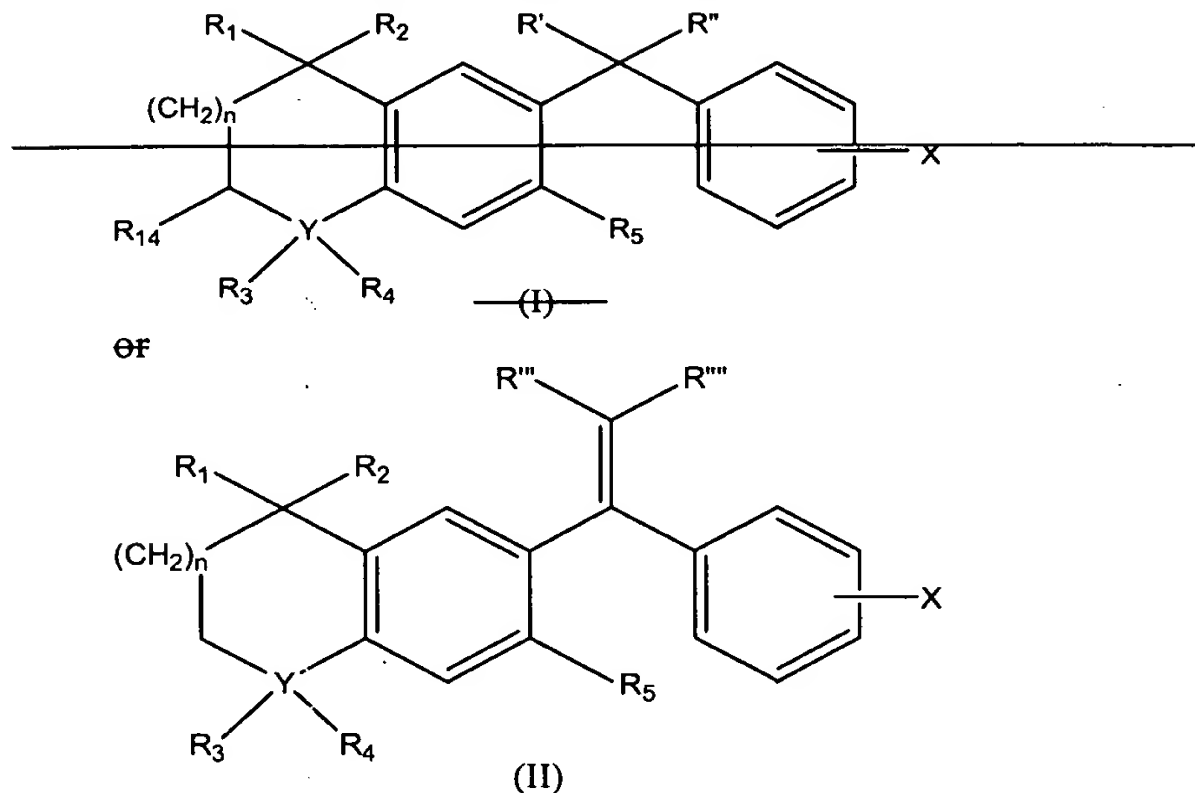
R'''' is hydrogen;

X is COOH and originates from C3, C4, or C5 of the ring; and

n = 0-1;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable ester, amide or salt thereof.

75. (Currently amended) A compound represented by formula I or II:



wherein:

R₁ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms;

R₂ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms;

Y is C;

R₃ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms, and R₄ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms;

R₅ is OR₇, wherein R₇ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl having 1-6 carbon atoms;

~~R₁₄ is hydrogen or a lower alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms;~~

~~R' and R'' represent hydrogen or a lower alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms;~~

R''' and R'''' represent hydrogen or a lower alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms;

X is COOH and originates from C3, C4, or C5 of the ring; and

n = 0-1; or

a pharmaceutically acceptable ester, amide or salt thereof.

Claims 76 - 81 (Cancelled).

82. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 74, wherein R₅ is OH.

83. (Cancelled).